

B4SA: Weekly Update 23 July 2021



35 to 49 year olds, register
for your vaccine now

A NOTE FROM MARTIN KINGSTON

Dear B4SA and business colleagues,

The remarkable ramp-up in the vaccination rollout is a direct result of the solid partnership the business sector has built with our government since B4SA was formed.

The private sector has made a significant contribution to the vaccination effort so far, with available private sector vaccination capacity now at approximately 110,000 doses per day across all types of site. As more vaccine supply becomes available, we will be able to increase capacity, with the goal being for the public and private sector combined vaccinations to exceed our 300,000 doses per day target by mid-September. By that time, South Africa could be administering up to 420,000 jabs a day.

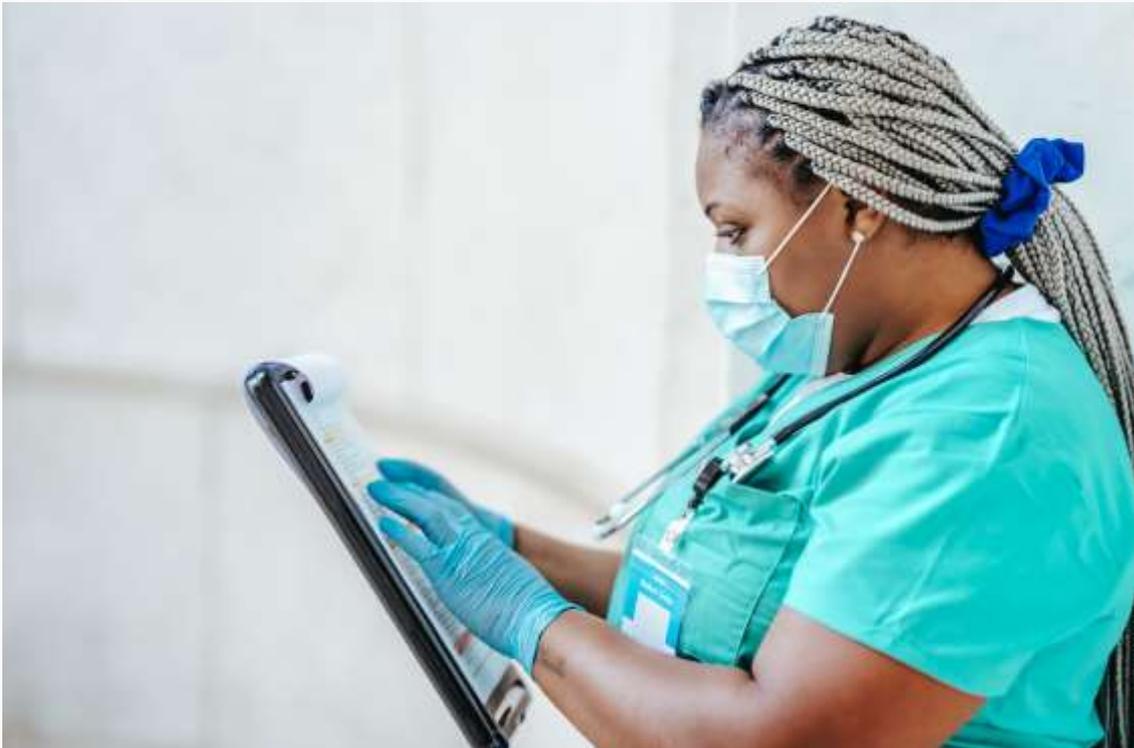
We are particularly pleased that vaccination has continued apace, with numbers climbing to around 230,000 daily the last couple of days – despite the fact that, to all intents and purposes, KwaZulu-Natal has not been vaccinating at all in the wake of the recent violence in that province.

The goal now is to escalate the rollout even more aggressively, which will require the private sector to continue to do a great deal of heavy lifting. We are grateful for the workplace and other private sector sites that have already opened up, and look forward to even more organisations joining the vaccination effort as their sites come on board.

Additional vaccine supply is scheduled to arrive in the next few days, and while we might experience some supply constraint during the next week while it goes through the vetting process, once this stock is in the system, we aim to consistently administer well over 300,000 jabs per day.

The evidence we are seeing from countries where vaccination levels are high is incontrovertible: hospitalisation and mortality rates drop exponentially for the vaccinated. So, we need to maintain a relentless focus on vaccination, even as we seek to rebuild the parts of the country affected by the civil unrest we have experienced, to ensure that we do not lose the momentum we have fought so hard to build.

Martin Kingston, Chair, B4SA Steering Committee



B4SA NEWS

Appeal for assistance to restore destroyed community pharmacies

In the aftermath of the recent civil unrest, many independently owned community pharmacies have been destroyed. To date, these number 56 in total: 39 in KZN, 16 in Gauteng and one in Mpumalanga.

To support these pharmacies as they rebuild their businesses, the Independent Community Pharmacy Association (ICPA) has set up the Independent Pharmacy Emergency Fund (IPEF), to help to restore essential health services to these communities as quickly as possible.

ICPA will collect the funds, which will be equitably distributed to pharmacies that need financial support, with oversight from a specialist team within B4SA. Their target is R20 million, and they have already received pledges from of R1.5 million from Aspen Pharmacare, R1 million from Adcock Ingram, R500,000 from Austell Laboratories, and R250,000 from Transpharm.

We appeal to the B4SA community to assist in whatever capacity they can. Financial donations can be pledged to the IPEF, and if financial support is not possible then assistance with shop fitting, IT hardware, merchandising, stock, and extended credit terms are just a few examples of help required. No gesture is too small and will be gratefully accepted. Please send your pledges to info@icpa.co.za or contact them on 021-671 4473.

In addition, the ICPA this week appealed to medical practitioners to warn patients that pharmacies, GP practices and medical centres in some areas of KZN and Gauteng had been robbed of medicines and vaccines, and there was a possibility that these could be illegally sold and endanger people's health.

They also reminded the public that they should only buy or receive medication from registered medical professionals, accredited pharmacies or medical facilities, and only

receive vaccines administered at registered vaccination sites. Stolen vaccines will not have been stored under the correct conditions, and could be dangerous, and medications that are not properly dispensed could cause serious harm.

Anyone who becomes aware of any controlled substances, medicines or vaccines for sale outside of authorised healthcare institutions or vaccine sites, should urgently notify the authorities at SA Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) on mokgadi.fafudi@sahpra.org.za or call their local police station.

Any stolen medication or vaccines should be deposited at any pharmacy, GP or healthcare facilities, so it can be disposed of properly.

LATEST STATISTICS

COVID-19 Statistics as at 22 July 2021

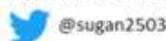
COVID - 19 STATISTICS IN SOUTH AFRICA

22 July 2021

#	Province	Cases last 14 days	Cases		Deaths		Vaccines(Pfizer + J&J)		Current Hospital Numbers		
			Total	New	Total	New	Total	New	Admitted	ICU	Ventilated
1	Gauteng	91 209	832 383	+4 988	22 100	+260	1 465 482	+55 732	8 360(-263)	1 222(-32)	717(-12)
2	W. Cape	33 751	374 260	+3 263	14 345	+189	922 784	+34 482	3 018(+8)	385(-8)	161(-6)
3	Limpopo	18 137	105 528	+1 126	3 653	+46	693 150	+29 237	712(-10)	54(-1)	43(+1)
4	KZN	15 367	380 811	+1 613	11 900	+58	1 159 535	+44 938	1 604(+34)	202(+6)	79(+7)
5	North West	15 119	121 359	+1 148	3 239	+40	309 800	+11 142	1 067(-6)	97(-3)	57(-3)
6	Mpumalanga	14 185	117 205	+899	3 274	+22	298 222	+14 441	650(+4)	109(-2)	74(-2)
7	E. Cape	9 493	221 345	+779	12 495	+53	803 499	+29 845	768(-29)	85(-9)	78(-21)
8	Free State	6 361	124 951	+612	5 532	0	325 904	+13 295	614(+3)	77(-4)	61
9	N. Cape	3 464	64 488	+430	1 622	+22	106 732	+4 908	206(-28)	16(-2)	14
TOTAL		207 086	2 342 330	14 858	78 160	690	6 085 108	238 020	16999(-287)	2 247(-55)	1 284(-36)

New tests		Tests and positivity for the previous 7 days							Recoveries	
55 981	W:59 068	Tu:40 173	M:26 407	Su:38 287	Sa:50 574	F:54 097	Th:54 998	Total	New	
26.5%	27.5%	22.2%	27.3%	29.3%	29.1%	29.5%	29.9%	2 109 820	+11 002	

Source: NICD and Department of Health



HELPFUL LINKS

NDoH allocation modelling guidance for sites

On July 1, the NDoH published a guidance note for all private sector vaccination sites on allocation modelling to ensure the supply chain works at its best. You can find it [here](#).

Revised COVID-19 OHS direction for workplaces

The Minister of Employment and Labour gazetted a new, consolidated COVID-19 Direction on Occupational Health and Safety in the Workplace (Revised OHS Direction) on 11 June 2021. The Revised OHS Direction replaces the Direction that was published on 1 October 2020. [Click here](#) to access a copy.

NDoH vaccine price circular

The Department of Health vaccine price circular can be found [here](#).

Vaccine dashboard

The NDoH's vaccine dashboard can be found at: <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/latest-vaccine-statistics/>



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REGISTER FOR YOUR VACCINATION



Time for iziNkalakatha to get vaccinated!

Anyone 35 years and older can register for a free COVID-19 vaccine from the 15th July and get vaccinated from the 1st of August.

It is easy to register: You need your ID, passport, refugee or asylum seeker number, your phone number, date of birth, address, and Medical Aid number if you have one. You do not pay for the vaccinations.

You can:

 Search EVDS online and follow instructions

 Dial *134*832# and reply to the messages

OR

OR

 Text REGISTER on Whatsapp to 0600 123 456

 Call the free COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999 (08h00-20h00 Monday – Friday, 08h00-18h00 weekends and public holidays)



QR Code link to EVDS registration site



The QR code below links directly to the EVDS registration site. Please use it in any print or applicable marketing material to help spread the message.

Users simply need to open the camera app on their mobile phone and point it at the code. A notification will open on the phone taking them directly to the site to register.



Vaccines for Health Care Workers (V4HCW)

There have been important changes to the booking process since Sisonke. There are no separate websites to register – it is all on one site: <https://bookings.v4hcx.co.za/vax/>

Vaccination Communications Toolkit

The government has released a free Vaccination Communications Toolkit for use by anyone wanting to contribute to the communications efforts against COVID-19, and in support of vaccination and registration.

[Access it here.](#)

News reports of interest

The week's news, government announcements and interesting reading:

In Parliament on Thursday, Dr Nicholas Crisp addressed concerns about the uninsured vs. insured vaccination lag: <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/national/health/2021-07-21-vaccination-rate-lags-among-non-medical-scheme-members/>

Biovac will produce Pfizer vaccines in SA, and here's how it will work: <https://bhekisisa.org/article/2021-06-30-sharing-the-secrets-of-making-a-covid-vaccine-isnt-enough-heres-why/>

Covid infection leaves strong antibodies in children: <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2021-07-covid-infection-strong-antibody-kids.html>

Hospital admissions in WC a concern: <https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/covid-19-hospital-admissions-increase-to-320-new-patients-per-day-in-western-cape-20210721>

SAHPRA cautions against use of Ivermectin: <https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/why-sas-drug-regulator-cannot-recommend-ivermectin-to-treat-covid-19-20210721>

Interesting/useful sites

[Covid Comms is producing infographics, which are available for free download](#)

[Centers for Disease Control, USA](#)

[INFOGRAPHIC: Coronavirus: the new disease Covid-19 explained](#)

[Coronavirus in context: a guide to help you understand the pandemic](#)

[European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](#)

[Lockdowns compared: tracking governments' coronavirus responses](#)



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We encourage you to please share this mail with your colleagues

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

NICD website:

<http://www.nicd.ac.za>

COVID-19 information website:

<https://sacoronavirus.co.za>

Coronavirus 24-hour Hotline:

0800 029 999

Coronavirus WhatsApp:

060 012 3456

CRITICAL LINKS

www.gov.za

www.facebook.com/GovernmentZA

twitter.com/GovernmentZA

www.youtube.com/user/GovernmentZA

sacoronavirus.co.za

sacoronavirus.co.za/tag/vaccine-toolkits/

twitter.com/COVID_19_ZA

twitter.com/DrZweliMkhize